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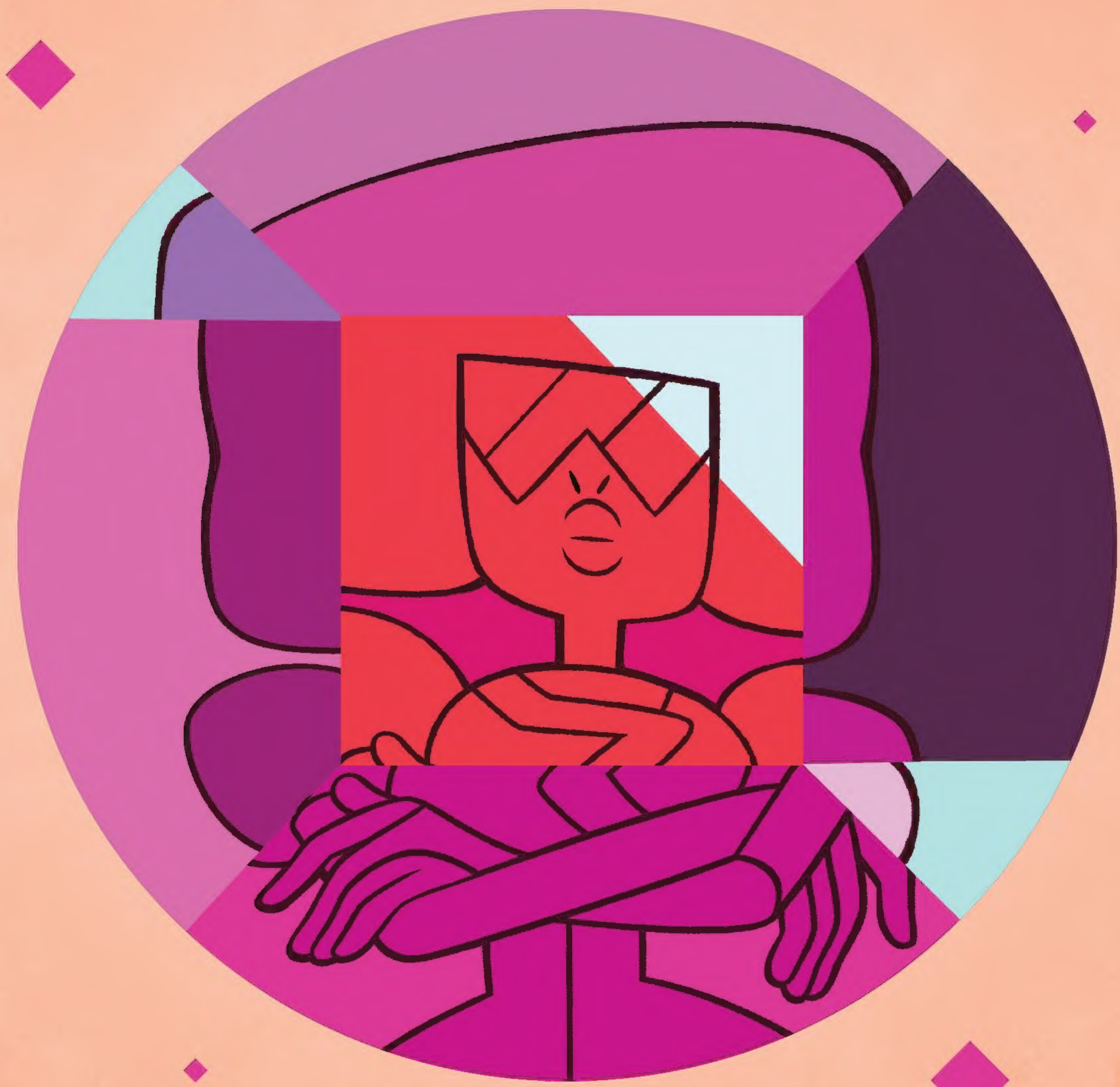


CHAPTER ONE

LAPIS! YOU HAVE TO CHECK OUT THIS NEW CRYING BREAK-FAST FRIENDS GAME!

SEE, YOU GET A NICE PANTRY SHELF, THEN YOU FILL IT UP WITH TOYS AND BEDS AND STUFF TO MAKE IT ALL COZY–

–AND THEN CRYING BREAKFAST FRIENDS SHOW UP TO HANG OUT!

WAAAAHHHHH!

BOB

OKAY, BUT... WHY?

EVERYBODY NEEDS A COMFY SPOT TO CRY!

HA!

LET ME SEE THIS NERD GAME.

UHH–

WAAAAA-HAHAHA!

...WHY DO MY EYES FEEL FUNNY?

Boo Hoo Hoooo

Cheep!

HEY!!

WE'VE TALKED ABOUT SHARING.

Cheep! Cheep!

DO BREAKFAST FOODS... CHEEP?

HAHA, NOW THAT'D JUST BE *SILLY!*

Cheep!

I DON'T THINK THAT'S COMING FROM THE GAME...

Cheep! Cheep!

IT SOUNDS LIKE IT'S COMING FROM–

Cheep! Cheep!

THERE!!

Cheep! Cheep!

GASP

Cheep! Cheep! Cheep!

OH NO!

CHEEP!

IT'S A BABY!

IT MUST'VE FALLEN OUT OF ITS NEST!

...THAT'S WHAT BABIES LOOK LIKE??

LAPIS, WE HAVE TO PUT IT BACK IN ITS HOME! CAN YOU HELP ME?

OKAY, BUT I'M NOT TOUCHING THAT THING.

OH, SORRY TO DISTURB YOU, MA'AM.

CHIT CHIT CHIT CHIT CHIT!!

UHH... PROBABLY NOT HERE.

SKREEEEEEEE!!

REMIND ME TO TELL GARNET ABOUT THIS ONE.

WHEREVER YOU CAME FROM, IT MUST BE *REALLY* WELL HIDDEN.

CHEEP!

IS THERE SOMEONE YOU CAN CALL?

SOME SORT OF...UGLY BABY EXPERT?

I BET THE INTERNET KNOWS WHERE TO FIND ONE OF THOSE!

HERE-PRETEND LIKE YOU'RE A NEST FOR A COUPLE MINUTES, OKAY?

WHAT??

FOUND... BABY... BIRD...

STEVEN!! THIS IS A GROSS MISUSE OF MY RESOURCES!!

EMPIRE CITY WILDLIFE REHABILITATION CENTER! THAT SOUNDS RIGHT!

EMPIRE CITY WILDLIFE REHABILITATION CENTER.

UHH... STEVEN UNIVERSE! CAN WE BRING YOU A BABY BIRD WE FOUND OUTSIDE OUR BARN?

THAT DEPENDS. CAN YOU TELL WHAT SPECIES IT IS?

IT'S, UMM– A BIRD? A VERY TINY AND NAKED ONE?

IT'S *DEFECATING ON MEEEEEEEEE*

WELL, YOU CAN BRING IT BY IF YOU'D LIKE, BUT I'LL BE HONEST–IF IT'S ANY SORT OF COMMON LOCAL SONGBIRD SPECIES, WE PROBABLY CAN'T TAKE IT IN.

WE GET TEN CALLS A DAY ABOUT BABY SONGBIRDS, AND FRANKLY, WE'VE GOT TO SAVE OUR RESOURCES FOR THE ANIMALS THAT ARE *ACTUALLY* ENDANGERED.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO, THEN?

WELL–IF YOU CAN'T FIND ITS NEST, THEN YOU CAN LINE A LITTLE STRAWBERRY BASKET WITH PAPER TOWELS AND LEAVE THE BABY UP IN A TREE NEAR WHERE YOU FOUND IT.

THE MOM'LL FIND IT, MAYB--UHH, PROBABLY.

MAYBE... *WE* COULD BE ITS MOM?

ABSOLUTELY NOT.

CARING FOR WILD BABY BIRDS IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT, NOT TO MENTION *ILLEGAL* WITHOUT A PERMIT. ALL YOU CAN DO IS MAKE A NEW NEST FOR IT, OUTSIDE.

B-BUT–WHAT IF ITS MOM DOESN'T FIND IT? WHAT IF SHE'S BUSY WITH HER OTHER BABIES, OR HER FAST-PACED CAREER?

WELL– LIKE I SAID, IT'S NOT AN ENDANGERED SPECIES.

ANY SIGN OF THE MOM YET?

...NO.

BUT THAT'S... JUST PART OF BEING A MOM, ISN'T IT?

MAKING TOUGH DECISIONS.

YOU GET SOME SLEEP, OKAY? I'LL KEEP AN EYE ON THE BIRD.

SNNNNNRFFFK–

NO, YOU HAVE TO MASH IT UP–

YAWN

–IT'S TOO LITTLE TO SWALLOW THE WHOLE THING.

Cheep!

GASP

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE ACTUALLY OKAY WITH THIS.

CHEEP! CHEEP!

OMIGOSH

THE BABY! YOU BROUGHT IT BACK INSIDE AND–

WE'RE BREAKING THE LAW!!

I MEAN, WE'RE ALREADY REBELS.

I'D LIKE TO SEE 'EM TRY AND THROW *ME* IN BABY JAIL!

AND ACCORDING TO THE INTERNET, IF YOU TAKE A SMALL BIRD AND FEED IT THE PROPER NUTRIENTS–

–YOU CAN TRANSFORM IT INTO A LARGER, MORE POWERFUL BIRD, WHO WILL DO YOUR BIDDING!

HEY– DID YOU NOTICE?

ITS EYES ARE OPEN NOW.

CHEEP

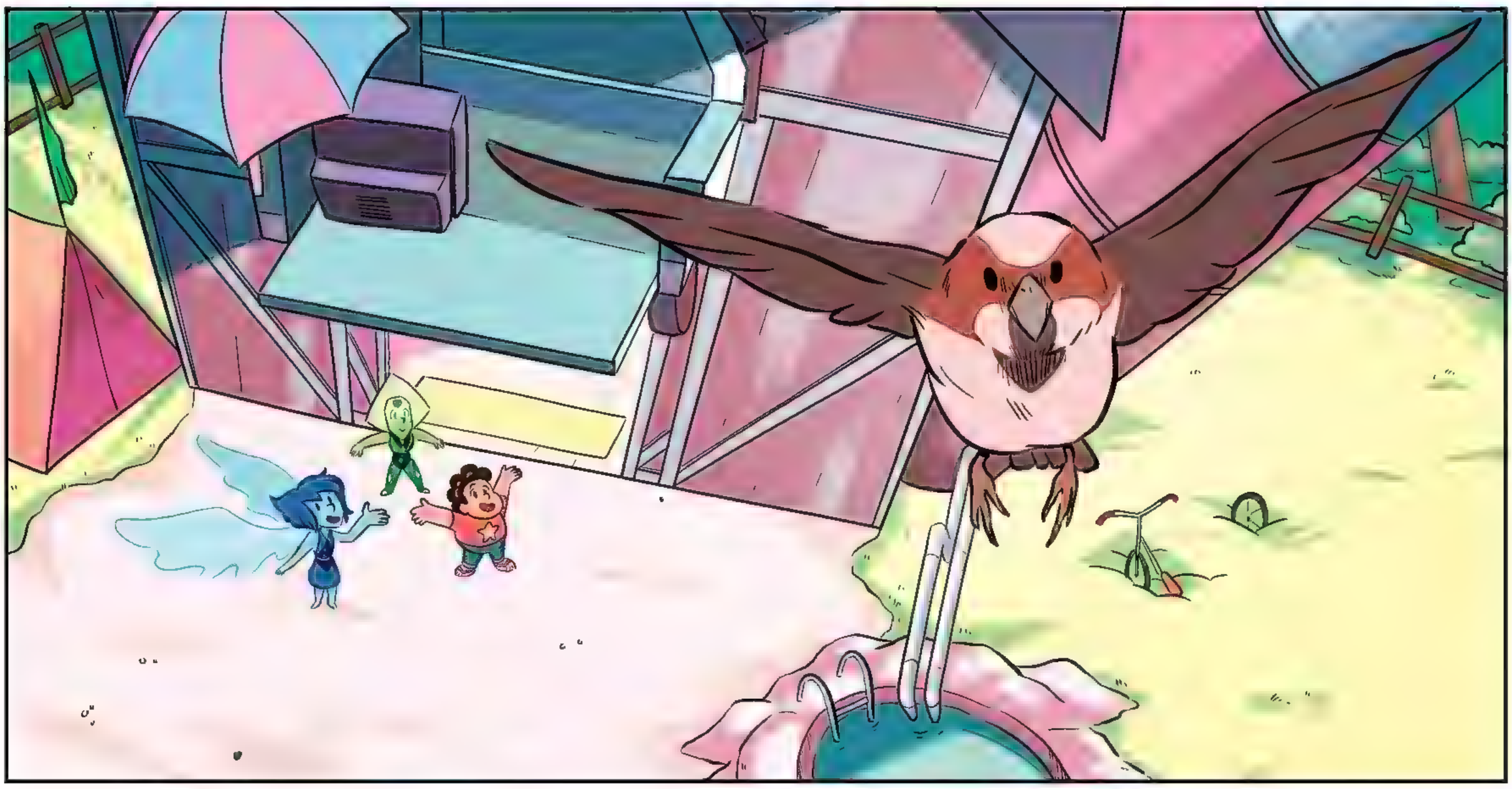
CAN WE NAME THEM SUSAN??

EXCUSE ME, BUT WE ALREADY AGREED THE MOST *SUPERIOR* NAME WAS PERC-

SUSAN IT IS.

OMIGOSH, I'M GOING TO DECORATE THE BEST LITTLE BIRD BEDROOM FOR THEM!

BIRD
WORMS



WE'VE FED THIS BIRD *TONS* OF NUTRIENTS. WHY ISN'T IT GETTING ANY BIGGER?

HAHA, I DON'T THINK THAT'S HOW BIRDS WORK!

WELL, HOW ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO SEND THEM ON MISSIONS WHEN THEY'RE SO *TINY*?

SUSAN! BRING ME MY ROTARY DRILL!

CHEEP

CHEEP

CHEEP

STEVEN, LOOK...

SUSAN!

CHEEP

I THINK IT'S TIME.

B-BUT... THEY'VE NEVER BEEN ON THEIR OWN BEFORE!

HOW WILL THEY TAKE CARE OF THEMSELF, WITHOUT FREE WORMS AND CABLE TV?

THEY DESERVE THE CHOICE, AT LEAST.

WELL- SUSAN...

YOUR MOMS AND I ALL LOVE YOU AND ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU, AND YOU'LL ALWAYS HAVE A HOME HERE, BUT...

...IF YOU REALLY WANT TO GO....

CHEEP

IT'S OKAY–THEY KNOW WHERE TO FIND US, IF THEY NEED ANYTHING.

YEAH– I GUESS SO.

SUSAN

DID SUSAN COME BACK?

NO.

AFTER EVERYTHING WE DID FOR THAT STUPID, UNGRATEFUL, *IRREVERSIBLY PUNY* BIRD!

THEY SURE DIDN'T ANY OF THAT FROM *MY* SIDE OF THE FAMILY.

STEVEN– COME HELP ME WATER THE GARDEN?

LAPIS? THE GARDEN'S OVER–

SHHHH.

LAPIS...?

C'MERE– AND HOLD OUT YOUR HAND.

UHH....

NOW HOLD VERY STILL.

GASP

I'M A PRINCESS!

CHEEP

THE END

CHAPTER TWO

BEACH CITY
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SPORTS R' COOL
AAAH, STEVEN, I'M SO EXCITED!
I'VE BEEN DYING TO SEE THIS EVER SINCE RUMORS ABOUT IT FIRST SURFACED DEEP ON THE *SPIRIT MORPH SAGA* FAN WIKI!
THOUGH I *AM* A LITTLE CONCERNED HOW BELIEVABLE A COMPUTER-ANIMATED ARCHIMICARUS WILL BE...
TWO FOR "THE UNFAMILIAR FAMILIAR", PLEASE!
RISING
CRASHIN
11:00
FAMILIAR
PG-13
3:00 6:15
SORRY, GUYS--IT'S PG-13. I CAN'T LET YOU IN WITHOUT AN ADULT.
WHAT!

OH NO.

UNFAMILIAR FAMILIAR

HOW *COULD* THEY!! THIS IS A *COMPLETE* DEPARTURE FROM THE PLATONIC WITCH-FAMILIAR RELATIONSHIP DEPICTED IN THE BOOK!

I DIDN'T REALIZE FALCONS HAD SO MANY ...ABS?

UGH, THEY ALWAYS DO THIS! PUSHING ROMANCES INTO KIDS' SERIES RIGHT AWAY--

THEY COULD'VE AT *LEAST* HAD THE DECENCY TO WAIT UNTIL THEY ACTUALLY GET TOGETHER IN *DESTINY'S END.*

TERRY SHIN IN:
THE GOOD BOY

STILL--I KINDA WISH WE COULD SEE IT ANYWAY. JUST SO I KNOW HOW BAD IT REALLY IS!

WELLLLLLLLL...

THERE IS ONE WAY WE COULD STILL GET IN!

EXCUSE ME...

HELLO-- UH--FELLOW TEEN!

TW--*ONE* TICKET FOR "THE UNFAMILIAR FAMILIAR", PLEASE.

O...KAY. I JUST NEED TO SEE YOUR ID, THEN.

...MY ID?

I MEAN--HAHA-- OF COURSE! LET ME JUST--REMEMBER WHERE I PUT IT--

HMM.

BEACH CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Bop Shop

Art

Dianne's

ETERNALLY

"INVALID ID", PFFFT.

I GUESS IT'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL ONE OF US IS OLD ENOUGH FOR A DRIVER'S LICENSE.

NALLY 18

SALE

WAIT... HOW OLD *AM* I, ANYWAY?

OOF!

KIKI! ARE YOU OKAY?

AGH, SORRY--MUST'VE ZONED OUT FOR A SECOND THERE.

HERE-- LET ME HELP YOU UP.

OH! UH-- THANKS.

DON'T LET ME STOP YOU IF YOU'RE IN A HURRY!

WHAT?

OH! NO, I'M JUST OUT FOR A RUN.

ACTUALLY-- I'M ***REALLY*** SUPPOSED TO BE OUT SHOPPING FOR A PROM DRESS.

I'VE SORTA BEEN PUTTING IT OFF--STORES LIKE THAT ALWAYS MAKE ME FEEL ITCHY, Y'KNOW?

UH-- YOU OKAY THERE?

CAN I GO SHOPPING THERE WITH YOU?

SURE, IF YOU WANT TO!

YOU SEEM WAY TOO EXCITED ABOUT THIS...

ETERNAL TOURS

GASP

OMIGOSH

YEAH, I KNOW--IT'S ALL PRETTY OVER-THE-TOP...

I GOTTA TRY THIS ON.

REALLY?!

CHANGING ROOMS

HEY-- THANKS. THAT WAS ACTUALLY PRETTY FUN!

YEAH! I'M GLAD YOU--HAHA--RAN INTO ME.

HEY--I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE BUSY LATER, BUT--

THE SCHOOL DANCE IS AT 7, AND I'M GONNA MEET SOME FRIENDS THERE.

YOU SHOULD COME TOO! YOU CAN SHOW OFF YOUR NEW OUTFIT.

OMIGOSH, *YES!* I'VE NEVER BEEN TO A SCHOOL DANCE BEFORE!

YAY! SEE YOU AT 7, THEN!

IT'S A DATE!

...SEE YOU.

OKAY, SO–

I'VE COMPILED A LIST OF EVERYTHING WE'LL NEED TO BLEND IN AT THE PROM TONIGHT, BASED ON CLASSIC TEEN MOVIES LIKE *PASTY IN PINK* AND *PIT ORCHESTRA 2: ELECTRIC BOOGALOO.*

LIMO, CORSAGE, BIG FANCY HAIR, BIG FANCY DINNER, TENOR BASSOON--

HMM, MAYBE MAKE THAT TWO...

WE'LL NEED A CHAPERONE, TOO, 'CUZ I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO BE OUT ALONE AFTER DARK.

NO PROBLEM.

PEARL! I HAVE AN IMPORTANT MISSION FOR YOU AND YOUR TUX!

BEACH CITY HIGH SCHOOL

Under The Sea!

Under The Sea!
C'MON--I'LL INTRODUCE YOU TO MY FRIENDS!

GO HAVE FUN! I'LL BE RIGHT HERE IF YOU NEED ME.

THEY GROW UP SO FAST, DON'T THEY?

HEY EVERYONE-- THIS IS MY FRIEND STEVONNIE!

THEY GO TO --UH--

WHAT SCHOOL DO YOU GO TO?

I DON'T--I MEAN I'M, UHH--

KIKI, IT'S THAT SONG! COME DANCE!

...AM I SUPPOSED TO COME TOO? THEY ONLY SAID KIKI...

MAYBE I SHOULD JUST...STAND OVER HERE...

HEY, STEVONNIE!

WHERE'RE YOU GOING? COME DANCE!

I WAS JUST, UH--TAKING THE LONG WAY AROUND!

HAHA!

ALL RIGHT-- TIME TO SLOW IT DOWN.

DO YOU, UMM--LIKE TO DANCE LEAD OR FOLLOW?

I'M NOT REALLY SURE HOW TO DO EITHER!

HAHA-- WE CAN DO THIS, THEN.

I HAD A LOT OF FUN TODAY.

YEAH! I'M, UH, GLAD YOU RAN INTO--

WAIT, AUGH-- I ALREADY MADE THAT JOKE--

HAHAHA!

IT'D BE REALLY COOL IF WE COULD DO THIS AGAIN SOMETIME?

NOT *DANCING*, I MEAN, BUT--Y'KNOW-- HANGING OUT?

I--UHH--

I'VE GOTTA GO CHECK ON PEARL REALLY QUICK, SORRY!

WAH!
OOF!

OH NO OH NO OH NO, WHAT ARE WE GONNA *DO*?

SHOULD WE HAVE TOLD HER RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING??

DO WE HAVE TO START TELLING *EVERYONE* RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING?!

WE CAN'T TELL HER! SHE'D--

WHAT IF SHE JUST-- THOUGHT WE LIED TO HER?

WHAT IF SHE HATED US?

B-BUT... WE *DIDN'T* LIE. WE JUST DIDN'T TELL HER--

AND WHAT WERE WE SUPPOSED TO SAY, ANYWAY?

"HI, MY NAME'S STEVONNIE, I'M ACTUALLY TWO KIDS FUSED INTO A TEEN VIA ALIEN MAGIC, HOW ARE YOU"?!?!

WAIT--I'VE GOT IT! WE'LL JUST KEEP GOING ON DATES WITH HER FOREVER, AND WE'LL ***NEVER*** TELL HER, SO THEN SHE'LL NEVER--

NO, YOU'RE RIGHT, THAT'S A TERRIBLE IDEA TOO.

WE HAVE TO TELL HER ***SOMETHING***--BUT ANYTHING WE SAY MIGHT HURT HER FEELINGS OR MAKE HER MAD...

MAYBE...

MAYBE-- ALL WE'VE BEEN DOING HERE IS TRYING TO GUESS WHAT KIKI'D WANT US TO DO?

MAYBE, INSTEAD, WE SHOULD TALK ABOUT WHAT ***WE*** WANT TO DO?

SOFTBALL
CHAMPS

CH CITY
SKETBALL
HAMPS
2001
BEACH CIT
SOFTBA
CHAMPS
KIKI?

STEVONNIE! I'M REALLY SORRY, I DIDN'T MEAN TO--
IT'S OKAY! KIKI--
2001
BEACH CITY
VOLLEYBALL
CHAMPS

KIKI, I THINK YOU'RE REALLY COOL AND PRETTY AND FUN AND I'D TOTALLY LOVE TO KEEP HANGING OUT WITH YOU OR GOING DANCING OR TRYING ON EATING DONUTS OR ANYTHING, REALLY--

--AS YOUR FRIEND.
2001
BEACH CITY
VOLLEYBALL
CHAMPS

...OH.

Y'KNOW WHAT? THAT SOUNDS GREAT!
WHAT? REALLY?
OF COURSE! I MEANT IT WHEN I SAID I HAD A LOT OF FUN TODAY.
MAYBE NEXT WEEKEND! WE COULD--WE COULD GO SEE A MOVIE!
HAHA, SURE!
YEAH! THERE'S THIS GREAT NEW ONE CALLED "THE UNFAMILIAR FAMILIAR"--
WAIT, THE KIDS' MOVIE?
THE END

CHAPTER THREE

PIZZA

PIZZA

VOTE DEWEY

HOW ARE MY *FAVORITE* PIZZA-SELLING CONSTITUENTS TODAY?

I DON'T SELL PIZZA BUT I'M DOING GREAT!

HEY, MAYOR DEWEY! YOU WANT YOUR USUAL HOT DOGS AND PINEAPPLE PIZZA?

YES, PLEASE! I'M ALWAYS HAPPY TO SUPPORT A LOCAL BUSINESS!

YOU BOYS LOOK LIKE YOU'RE KEEPING BUSY!

BUCK'S HELPING ME MAKE ZINES!

THIS ONE'S FOR NAMING AND REVIEWING LOCAL SEAGULLS!

HOW VERY-CIVIC MINDED OF YOU!

SCREECHY

HOW ABOUT YOU, SON! WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON OVER THERE?

REMOVING EVERY INSTANCE OF THE LETTER B FROM THIS TOURIST MAP.

I SEE! AND WHAT'S THE...UH...THINKING BEHIND THAT?

I WOULDN'T EXPECT YOU TO UNDERSTAND TRUE ART.

HAHA! KIDS AND THEIR JOKES, YOU KNOW?

OKAY! ONE MAYOR DEWEY SPECIAL, JUST FOR YOU.

AH! SPEAKING OF TRUE ART...

HOW ARE THINGS HERE, NANEFUA? SELLING PLENTY OF MAYOR DEWEY SPECIALS TO OTHER CUSTOMERS, TOO?

EH, IT IS THE OFF-SEASON. IN SPRING IT WILL PICK UP.

THE TOURISTS, YOU KNOW–THERE IS NOT MUCH TO BRING THEM HERE WHEN IT IS COLD.

(THEM, OR THEIR WALLETS)

BEACHES ARE THE ONLY THING THIS TOWN HAS GOING FOR IT.

WHOA, NOW, SON! LET'S NOT BE A NEGATIVE NELLY!

WHY, BEACH CITY IS A CULTURAL AND HISTORIC LANDMARK!

WE HAVE A THRIVING BOARDWALK FULL OF SHOPS AND RESTAURANTS!

MILES OF COASTLINE AND PRISTINE OCEAN VIEWS!

WE HAVE- UH–

...WE HAVE A MUSEUM OF EXTRATERRESTRIAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY?

I THINK RONALDO RUNS THAT!

THE POINT IS, I SAY BEACH CITY HAS A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE– YEAR-ROUND!

YOU'D THINK THEY'D BE HERE, THEN.

AH– WELL–

WELL, I ALWAYS VALUE THE INPUT OF OUR LOCAL YOUTH!

TELL ME– WHAT WOULD *YOU* DO TO MAKE THIS GREAT CITY OF OURS MORE OF A "COOL" PLACE TO VISIT AND SPEND MONEY IN THE OFF-SEASON?

YOU KNOW, LIKE A SOCK-HOP, OR A TOWN PICNIC–

REPTILE PETTING Z–

FOOD TRUCKS.

RESTAURANTS ARE A THING OF THE PAST. MOBILE CUISINE IS THE FUTURE.

NO RULES, NO REGULATIONS- JUST THE OPEN ROAD, AND LOTS OF CILANTRO.

MAKE THAT HAPPEN, AND YOU'LL GET YOUR CROWDS, ANY TIME OF THE YEAR.

OKAY, BUT I DON'T SEE HOW WELL THAT WILL BRING PEOPLE IN *HERE*.

WELL- IT'S-

IT'S CERTAINLY WORTH A TRY!

AFTER ALL, WHO COULD VISIT BEACH CITY AND NOT FALL IN LOVE? JUST LIKE I FELL IN LOVE-

-WITH ALL MY VOTERS.

AWWWWW

BEACH CITY
FOOD TRUCK RALLY
DEWEY PARK
EVERY SAT. 12pm-5pm
555-0855
555-0855
555-0855
555-0855
555-0855
555-0855
QUINOAFFLES
Menu.
Haute Dawgs
Decadent Sandwiches

LITERALLY JUST TOAST
ALL TOAST - $5.00
LA CASA CHICATANA
MENU
NUMMY LUMPS
what is it? — it's food!
COOKIE BUCKET
MAYOR DEWEY!
OH, STEVEN— DON'T YOU LOOK PROFESSIONAL!
I'M GONNA HELP NANEFUA RUN HER FIRST FOOD TRUCK!
FISH STEW
PIZZA!

THAT'S GREAT! JUST REMEMBER, IF ANYONE ASKS–

–THE MAYOR DEWEY SPECIALS WERE TOTALLY NANEFUA'S IDEA!

HAHA, THANKS, MAYOR DEWEY!

FISH STEW PIZZA

OKAY– FIRST DAY ON THE JOB!

GOTTA DO GOOD– SELL LOTS OF PIZZAS– HELP FISH STEW PIZZA MAKE MONEY IN THE OFF-SEASON!

PI-I-I-ZZAAAA!

GET YER *PIII-ZZAAAA* HERE!

YOU, SIR! HOW ABOUT SAMPLING SOME OF BEACH CITY'S FINEST, ROUNDEST CUISINE?

OR YOU, MA'AM! FISH STEW PIZZA: BETTER THAN IT SOUNDS™!

HOW ABOUT YOU, SIR! YOU LOOK LIKE A GENTLEMAN OF DISCERNING TASTE-

...ANYBODY?

GASP DAD! DAAAAAAAAAD!

OH, HEY SCHTOO-BALL!

DIDN'T REALIZE YOU WERE GONNA BE WORKING THE COUNTER, TOO!

QUICK, DAD–CAN YOU BUY A PIZZA?

FROM FISH STEW? I DUNNO–I WAS THINKING I'D TRY ONE OF THOSE NEW PLACES...

YOU CAN DO THAT TOO! BUT THE WHOLE POINT OF THE FOOD TRUCK RALLY IS TO HELP LOCAL BUSINESSES–

–AND IF NO ONE BUYS ANY PIZZA THEN FISH STEW WON'T MAKE ANY MONEY AND NANEFUA WILL BE SAD AND I'LL BE A BAD VOLUNTEER-EMPLOYEE AND MAYBE I'LL EVEN GET VOLUN-FIRED???

WHOA WHOA WHOA! OKAY, THEN–

IF IT'LL HELP OUT OUR NEIGHBORS, THEN SURE–GIMME A PEPPERONI PIZZA.

ONE PEPPERONI PIZZA, COMING RIGHT UP!

LET ME JUST, UH...RUN INTO THE BACK TO GET IT.

FISH STEW
PIZZA
UNIVRS
ONE PEPPERONI PIZZA, FRESH OUTTA THE OVEN!
FISH STEW
PIZZA

See Food

BUCK!

HEY, STEVEN.

I'VE BEEN TELLING PEOPLE ABOUT YOUR ZINE–THEY SEEM TO REALLY DIG IT.

...IT'S CALLED SQUAWK, 'CUZ IT'S SORT OF LIKE YELP, BUT, LIKE, FOR BIRDS.

HAHA, OH MAN, I LOVE BIRD PUNS.

BIRD PUNS... ARE MY BEST FRIEND

SQUAWK

SQUAWK

I THINK WE STARTED SOMETHING REALLY GOOD TODAY. SOMETHING THAT COULD REALLY TURN THIS CITY AROUND.

BUCK, MY BOY! WHAT A FANTASTIC IDEA THIS WAS!

WE MADE SO MUCH MONEY, AND WE BROUGHT ALL THESE FRESH NEW FACES INTO BEACH CITY, AND WE MADE SO MUCH *MONEY*...

DAD, QUIT IT–

AH, NANEFUA! HOW ABOUT MY SON'S GREAT IDEA TO TURN OUR OFF-SEASON BACK "ON" AGAIN?

ACTUALLY, WE ONLY SOLD ONE PIZZA ALL DAY.

SORRY...

SAME HERE. I SAW PLENTY OF PEOPLE EATING FRIES, BUT WHEREVER THEY BOUGHT 'EM, IT SURE WASN'T FROM US.

EVEN OUR USUAL HALF-PRICE-AFTER-3PM CROWD NEVER SHOWED UP.

I MEAN, *I'M* NOT COMPLAINING...

UH...WELL... THIS IS...

THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING. NEXT TIME, WE'LL MAKE AN EVEN BIGGER STATEMENT.

SOMETHING THAT'LL REALLY PUT THIS CITY ON THE MAP.

...LIKE FOOD *AIRPLANES.*

AIRPLANES?? WHEN APPARENTLY WE CAN'T EVEN COMPETE WITH SOME LOUSY TR-

I THINK WHAT MY SON IS TRYING TO SAY IS THAT- UH-

WE'LL REINVEST! MORE ADVERTISING WILL BRING MORE CUSTOMERS NEXT TIME, AND MORE CUSTOMERS WILL BRING, UH... MORE MONEY!

MONEY FOR THE *WHOLE CITY,* NEXT TIME...!

SURELY YOU ALL HAVE AT LEAST A *LITTLE* FAITH IN YOUR MAYOR?

ARCADE

ARCADE

Beach Citywalk FRIES

FISH STEW

PIZZA

THE NEXT MORNING.

BEACH CITY FOOD TRUCK RALLY

DEWEY PARK EVERY SAT. 12pm-5pm

BIG DONUT

EAT A B-G Donut

HEY SADIE! COULD I INTEREST YOU IN A TRADE?

PERHAPS... ONE OF MY ZINES AND ALSO SOME MONEY FOR A DONUT?

HAHA, IT'S EVEN GOT BIRD PUNS!

WELL, I'D SAY THIS IS WORTH AT LEAST *TWO* DONUTS.

NO NEED, CITIZENS!

BEACH CITY OFF-SEASON COMMUNITY PICNIC!

TODAY! DEWEY PARK

TODAY, *I'M BUYING.*

EAT
BIG

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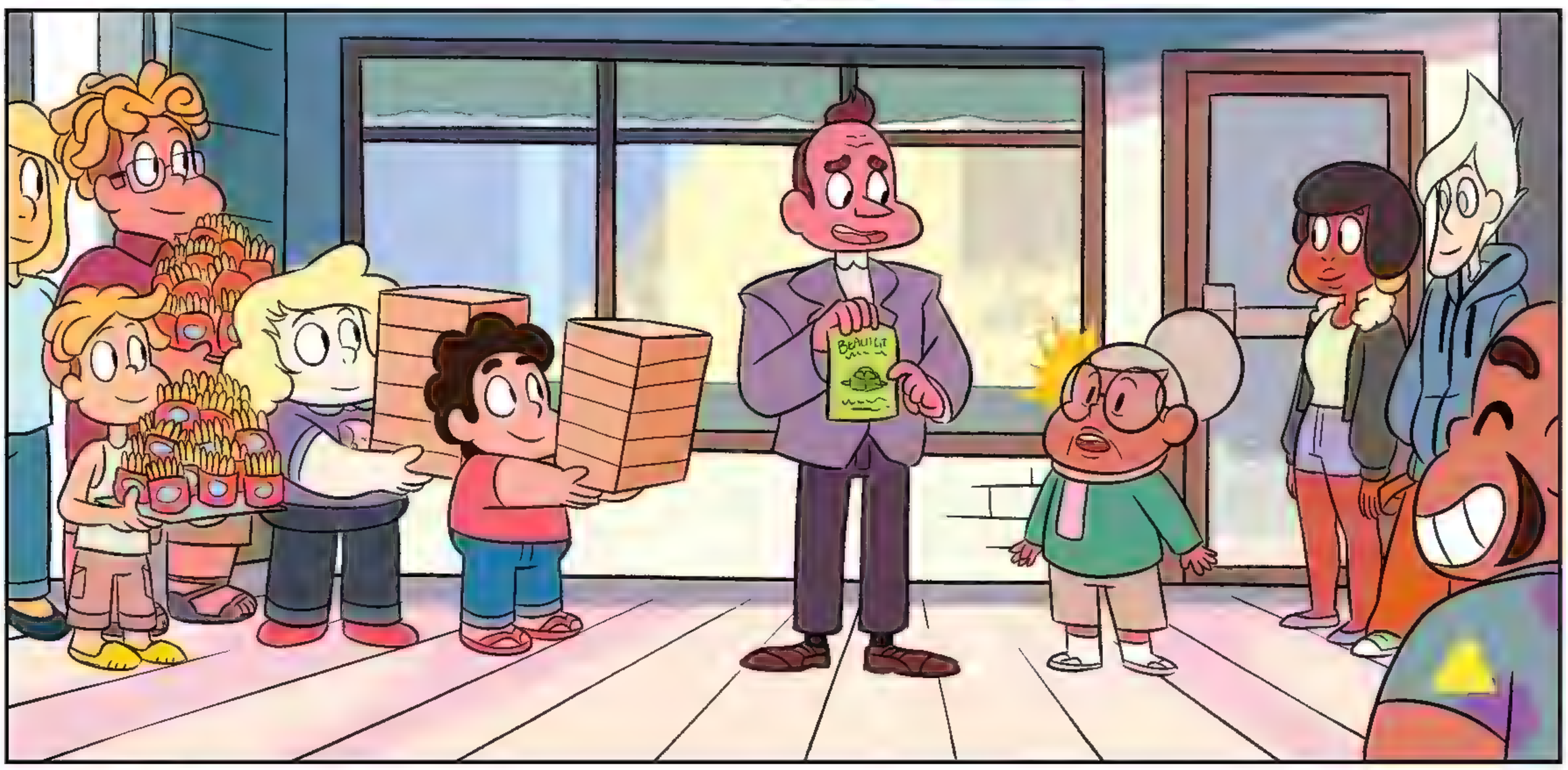
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OH, WHOA! IT'S PACKED!

THIS PLACE MUST BE *THE BITS.*

HEY, DO YOU KNOW HOW LONG THE WAIT IS FOR A TABLE?

UHH–LOOK, YOU REALLY DON'T WANT TO COME IN HERE. THIS IS JUST, LIKE, THIS BORING TOWN PICNIC THING THE MAYOR THREW TOGETHER–

...A PICNIC?

PICNICS *RULE.*

THEY'RE SO...*AUTHENTIC,* YOU KNOW?

PICNICS... ARE ALSO MY BEST FRIEND

WHAT? NO. IT'S JUST A-

A *FANTASTIC* IDEA, IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF!

THOUGH, I CAN'T TAKE ANY CREDIT FOR IT.

THIS WAS ALL MY *BRILLIANT, SUPER-COOL* SON'S DOING.

NOW, I THINK I SEE A FEW OPEN SPOTS OVER THERE, BY THAT PURPLE LAD...

WE'LL SAVE A SEAT FOR YOU, OKAY?

HEY- DAD?

THANKS.

WELL, THEN, I GUESS THAT'S IT.

THE MAYOR IS LEVYING A HUG TAX!

WAUGH! *DAD!!*

I HATE THE HUG TAX.

TOO BAD. I'M THE MAYOR.

THE END

CHAPTER FOUR

Beach City Renaissance Faire

Tickets
Adults... $10-
Kids under 2 ... $5-

FLOWER

OKAY, SO THAT'LL BE TWO REGULAR ADMISSIONS, AND ONE, UHH–

–YEAH, SURE, ONE UNDER-12 TICKET.

UNDER 12 WHAT??

Tickets
Adults..... $10-
Kids under 12 ..... $5-

BRAINS, I BET.

I HAVE THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF NEUROLOGICAL SYSTEMS, THANK YOU!!

I'M STILL UNCLEAR ON THE POINT OF THIS CELEBRATION.

TURKEY & COB

WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT A TIME WHEN YOUR PLANET'S TECHNOLOGY WAS SO MUCH LESS... SOPHISTICATED?

SOMETIMES IT'S FUN TO REMEMBER HOW THINGS USED TO BE!

ALSO, *HISTORIC MEATS, BEST MEATS.*

HEY THERE, LITTLE LADY!

HOW 'BOUT WE TURN THAT FROWN UPSIDE DOWN WITH A LITTLE FACE PAINTING!

Face Paint

I DON'T-

OH, SHE *DEFINITELY* WANTS TO!

PICK OUT ANYTHING YOU LIKE!

Designs For thy Face

gns for thy face

WHAT!!

Face Paint

AWW, PERIDOT, YOU'RE SO CUT–

NOT THAT WORD.

STUPID FESTIVAL- STUPID CLODDY HISTORY-

Lady Hacksilver's Weaponry

Wooden Swords

FINALLY! SOMETHING *USEFUL!*

OOOOOOOOH!

NYEH HEH HEH HEH

HMM... IRON-CARBON ALLOY, CRUDE BUT WELL-BALANCED...

WHOA WHOA WHOA THERE!!

HEY!!

LET'S JUST PUT THIS BACK BEFORE ANYONE HURTS THEMSELF, OKAY, SWEETIE?

I WAS EXAMINING THAT!!

OKAY, OKAY! I'VE GOT A SWORD THAT'LL BE *MUCH* BETTER FOR YOU!

OOOH, IT LOOKS LIKE JOUSTING'S ABOUT TO START!

YEAH! YOU CAN AT LEAST WATCH *OTHER* PEOPLE GET TO PLAY WITH WEAPONS...

LORDS, LADIES, AND GENTLE-ENBIES...

WELCOME TO THE NINTH ANNUAL BEACH CITADEL JOUSTING TOURNAMENT!

HERE REPRESENTING THE GREAT TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN-

BOOOOOO

OUR AS-YET-UNDEFEATED CHAMPION-

OUR FIRST CHALLENGER IS THE MOST FEARED KNIGHT IN ALL THE LAND!

THEY HAVE THE STRENGTH OF A BEAR, AND THE VALOR OF AN EVEN BIGGER BEAR!

SIR! RENDER!!!!!

BOOOOOOOOOOOOOO

AND HERE TO FACE THEM- BEACH CITADEL'S OWN *LADY! HACHETTE!!!!!*

YAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAYY

ON YOUR MARKS...

GET SET...

JOUST!

BOOOOOOOOO

BOOOOOOOOO

YEAH!!!

THE SCORE SO FAR IS... SIR RENDER: SEVEN, EVERYONE ELSE: ZERO.

BOOOOOOOOO

ALAS! IF NO ONE ELSE DARES CHALLENGE THEM, I FEAR OUR FAIR BEACH CITADEL WILL NEVER HAVE ITS OWN CHAMPION!

IS THERE ANYONE LEFT OF STOUT ENOUGH HEART TO TAKE THE FIELD??

GASP

COULD IT BE?? *SIR SHALLOT OF CASTLE VIDALIA!*

OH NO...CAN'T THEY GIVE THE PONY A HELMET TOO?

CRUSH THE UPSTART UNDER YOUR MIGHTY HEEL!!

THAT'S *IMPOSSIBLE!!*

UNLESS...

UNLESS...IN *THIS* ARENA...SIR SHALLOT'S MINISCULE PHYSIQUE ACTUALLY PROVIDED SOME SORT OF...

...COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE!!

OKAY, KIDS–WHO ELSE WANTS TO TRY BEING A BRAVE KNIGHT TODAY?

ME!! ME!! I'M NEXT!!

ANOTHER NEW CHALLENGER HAS APPEARED TO TEST THEIR METTLE ON THE FIELD OF HONOR!

YOUR LANCE, M'LADY.

THANK YOU, SQUIRE.

IS THIS PRIMITIVE ASSAULT STICK SUPPOSED TO BE SO HEAVY??

ON YOUR MARKS–GET SET–

JOUST!

EEP!

AAHH!!

AAHH!!

HELP

OOF!

THAT WAS AWESOME!

YOU CREAMED THAT JERK!

YEAH!! TAKE *THAT*, OCEAN TOWN!!

BUT... I DIDN'T EVEN HIT THEM?

CHEATER!!!

YOU LET BEINGS SMALLER AND WEAKER THAN YOU WIN ON PURPOSE!

I DEMAND A REMATCH!!

NO, NO! YOU WON BECAUSE, UHH- YOU'RE SUCH A *BRAVE* LITTLE KNIGHT!

DON'T YOU PATRONIZE ME JUST BECAUSE I'M-UGH- CUTE.

I'LL SEE YOU ON *THE DUELING GROUND.*

FAIR BEACH CITY-ANS! WE HAVE GATHERED HERE ONE LAST TIME TODAY FOR A THRILLING, FINAL REMATCH–

-TO THE STAGE- DEATH!!

TO MY RIGHT– SIR RENDER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, WHO RECENTLY SUFFERED A HUMILIATING DEFEAT!

AND TO MY LEFT– SIR PERIDOT OF THE BARN, WHO BELIEVES SHE HAD HER HUMILIATING DEFEAT WRONGFULLY STOLEN FROM HER!

ONLY **ONE** MAY BE CROWNED THE TRUE LOSER OF THE DAY!!

ON YOUR MARK-GET SET–

JOUST!!!

Y'KNOW WHAT? NO. SORRY, THIS IS WAY TOO WEIRD FOR ME.

OH NO-KID! KID, WAKE UP-

WHAT THE HECK!!

THEY ACTUALLY *JOUSTED* WITH THAT WEIRD-LOOKIN' KID!!

OCEAN TOWN IS THE WORST!!

BOOOOOOOOOOOOO

KID! SAY SOMETHING, KID-

GNNNNNNNNNN-

-NNNNNNNYEH HEH HEH HEH

VICTORY IS MINE!!!

RELEASE ME AT ONCE!!

YOU'LL NEVER TAKE ME ALIVE, YOU CLODS!!

I'LL FIGHT YOU ALL!! YOU'LL RUE THE DAY YOU-

-YOU-

SORRY, GUYS– I DON'T THINK I CAN LET YOU BACK IN FOR A WHILE, AT LEAST UNTIL SIR RENDER'S NOSE HEALS.

NO–I'M SORRY.

I SEE NOW I LET MY TEMPER GET THE BETTER OF ME.

I...HOPE YOU'LL FORGIVE ME FOR CAUSING TROUBLE.

(AND TRYING TO HIT YOU WITH MY SWORD.)

I'M STILL LEARNING HOW TO CONTROL MYSELF, BUT I PROMISE THIS WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN.

WOW, PERIDOT. THAT WAS... ALMOST MATURE OF YOU?

YEP, THAT'S ME.

Beach City Renaissance Faire

EVERY DAY, A BETTER, MORE MATURE GEM.

THE END

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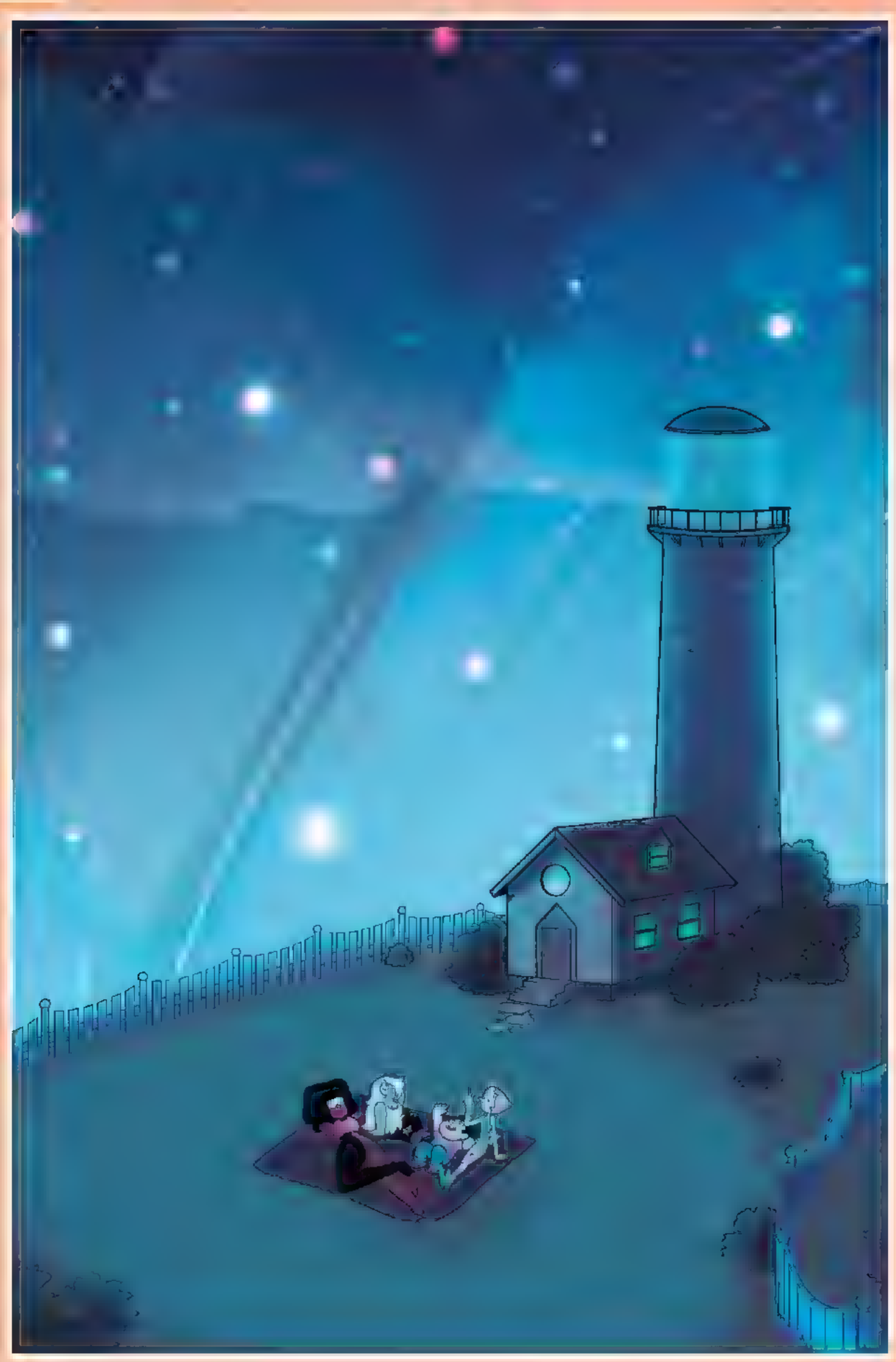

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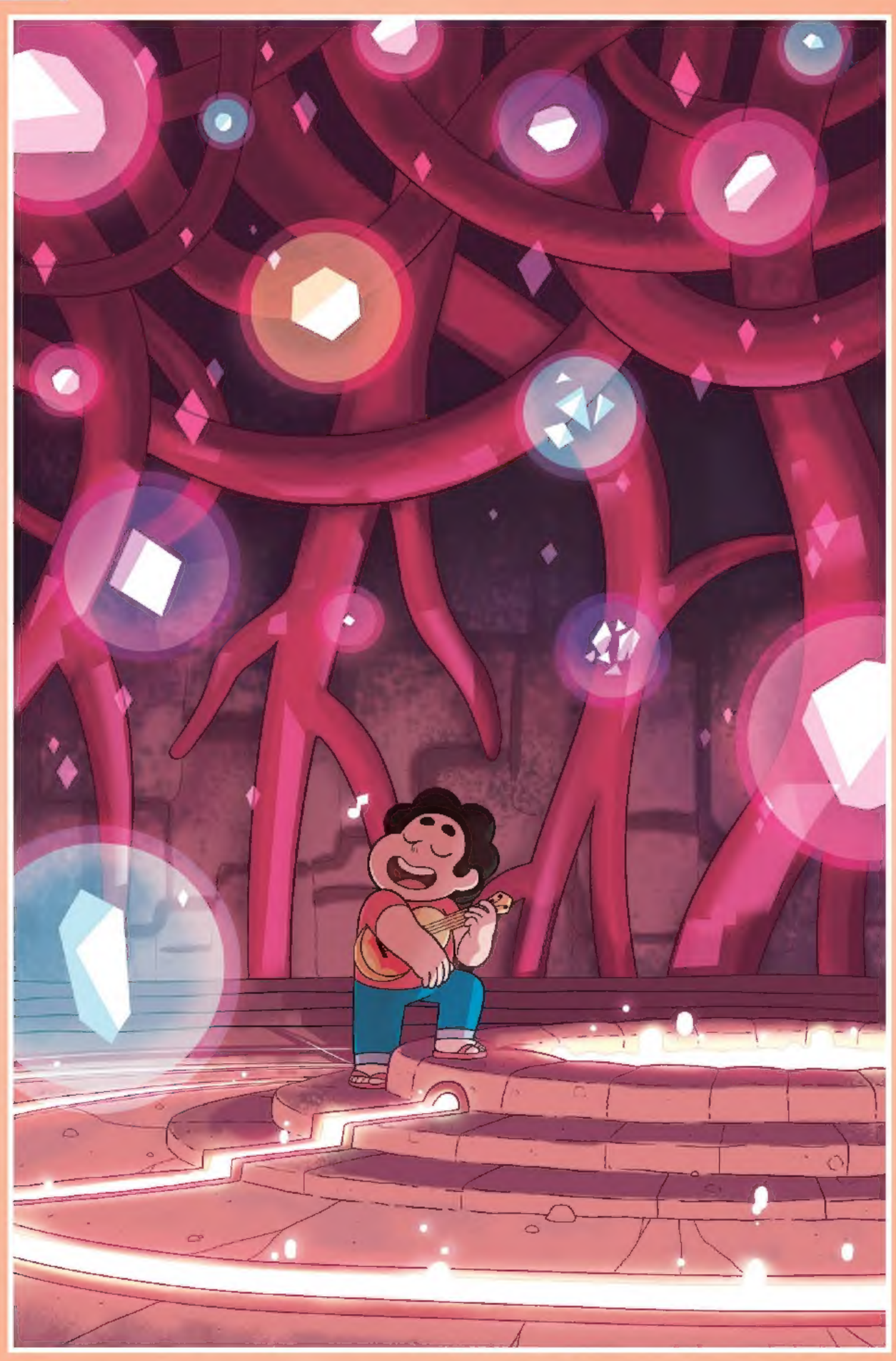

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